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## DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT RED RIVER, TEXAS CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

**TEXARKANA, TEXAS** –United States Army Lt. Col. Hugh B. Talley Jr., will relinquish command of the Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas (DDRT) to United States Army Lt. Col. Betty J. Yarbrough in an official ceremony on Friday, July 15, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. Officiating at the ceremony will be United States Army Brig. Gen. Michael J. Lally, Commander, Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Penn.

Lt. Col. Talley has been DDRT's Commander since July 16, 2003. Talley's next assignment will be as the Director of Logistics, J-4, Special Operations Command, Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia.

Lt. Col. Yarbrough comes to DDRT after having served as the Assistant Executive Officer to the Director of the Army Staff at the Pentagon, Washington D.C.

Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and raised in Van Buren, Arkansas, Lt. Col. Yarbrough attended Arkansas Tech University and was commissioned a second lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps in 1987. She also holds a master's degree in Logistics Management from Florida Tech. Her military education includes the Quartermaster Officers Basic Course, Quartermaster Officers Advanced Course, and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Lt. Col. Yarbrough has served in a variety of positions. She served as an Operations Officer, Platoon Leader, and Company Executive Officer in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 26<sup>th</sup> Support Group, Federal Republic of Germany from 1987-1990. Immediately following the Quartermaster Officers Advanced Course, she was attached to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Support Command and deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm. In January 1992, she reported to Fort Polk, Louisiana where she

served as the Secretary General Staff for the forward element of the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. She moved with the unit to Fort Hood, Texas, where the unit was reflagged as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division. While there, she served as the Division Support Command Support Operations Officer, the Division Materiel Management Center General Supply Officer, and the Supply and Services Officer in the 48<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion. She then commanded the HHD and A Company, 204<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. In 1998, she was assigned to the Defense Industrial Supply Center, Philadelphia where she served as the Chief of the Emergency Supply Operations Center. Following graduation from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, she was assigned as the Chief of Operations, G3, 3<sup>d</sup> Corps Support Command, then as the Executive Officer for the 19<sup>th</sup> Corps Materiel Management Center, Wiesbaden, Germany where she deployed and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Lt. Col. Yarbrough's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal (with oak leaf cluster).

DDRT is one of the Defense Distribution Center's 26 distribution facilities. DDRT's primary mission is to provide distribution support for secondary items and repair parts on tracked and wheeled vehicles, aircraft and major weapons systems worldwide. DDRT is the primary distribution point for the Army and Air Force tire mission. DDRT has a modernized distribution center, costing \$65M and containing 680,000 SF of primarily operational and storage space. The facility became fully operational in 1998 and significantly increased DDRT throughput and storage capacity. It provided for receipt, inspection, storage, packaging, marking and shipping functions to be performed under one roof. DDRT is the storage and distribution site for the Army's Bradley Fighting Vehicle Systems, Multiple Launch Rocket Systems, High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles and numerous other tactical vehicles.

DDRT also builds and maintains a supply of basic issue items that accompanies the shipment of combat and tactical vehicles to units throughout the Armed Forces. When weapon systems, vehicles or aircraft are fielded to Army units and FMS customers, they also get support packages assembled by DDRT employees. These packages include spare parts, tools and diagnostic equipment, and technical publications necessary to keep a weapon system or major end item operational. DDRT also receives and processes unserviceable retrograde from forces throughout CONUS/OCONUS. Tires, track, roadwheels, engines, and armor kits for tactical and combat vehicles are prepared, air palletized, and shipped daily through DDRT's Consolidation and Containerization Point in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

Local media wishing to cover the event may contact Ms. Belinda Lee, at (903) 334-3143, for information regarding access to the installation. For all other information pertaining to this media event, please contact Ms. Stacy Umstead at (717) 439-0700.

*Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Penn., is the Defense Logistics Agency's Lead Center for Distribution. DLA provides supply support and technical and logistics services to the military services and to several civilian agencies. Headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., DLA is the one source for nearly every consumable item, whether for combat readiness, emergency preparedness or day-to-day operations.*